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ROUTE 709 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT READY TO BEGIN

Construction scheduled to begin October 1

ACCOMACK COUNTY – A project to provide more capacity and increase safety along Route 709 is scheduled to start construction on Thursday, October 1, 2015. Contract crews for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be adding two 11-foot travel lanes with six-foot graded shoulders. Two feet of the graded shoulder will be paved to enhance bicycle accommodations along the project corridor. The project which stretches between Route 13 (Lankford Highway) and Route 679 (Fleming Road) is approximately 3.99 miles and will be closed until the summer of 2017.

Signed detours will be in place during construction, which will allow the travelling public to reach their designated locations on Route 709. The detour will route traffic from the South onto Route 175 headed west, then to Route 679 headed north, and onto Route 712 headed east. Traffic from the north will follow the detour in the opposite direction.

E.V. Williams, Inc. was awarded the \$6.3 million contract for the widening project in July 2015. The project will continue over the next 23 months, with completion scheduled for June 2017.

Resident traffic, emergency vehicles, and buses will have access via one lane with flaggers. Access will be kept in place for emergency situations on Route 709 in the construction area. In these instances, please use caution when entering the construction zone and look out for workers and equipment. To learn more, please visit <http://www.virginiadot.org/709>.

Motorists are encouraged to visit www.va511.org, call 511, listen to Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) 1680 AM or call the Traffic Information Line at 757-361-3016 for current traffic and travel information.

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